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Curb spending now, say Tories

FINANCES

PC government sets new limits on projects, hiring and expenditures

Manitoba's new Progressive Conservative government has laid down spending restraints for all government departments while it gets a handle on the province's financial picture.

A memo from the provincial treasury board directs deputy ministers in all departments to refrain from new spending on office relocations, furniture and IT projects.

The memo also requires all travel and advertising to be "scrutinized closely" and outlines new restrictions on hiring, except for critical health-and-safety positions.

"Effective immediately, staffing requests for all vacant positions will require treasury-board approval," the memo reads.

"In addition ... departments are directed to employ their best efforts to minimize non-essential spending."

The treasury board is a committee of cabinet ministers responsible for the government's fiscal management.

Finance Minister Cameron Friesen, who chairs the board, said the Tories are sending out a clear signal that they will follow through on promises to curb spending increases. The Tories won the largest majority in Manitoba in a century on April 19 — 40 of 57 legislature seats — and captured more than half the popular vote.

"What this memo represents is first steps. It's going to provide direction. It's going to give ministers and deputy ministers in departments assurances that we will do what we set out to do," Friesen said Thursday.

The memo says the constraints are in place "until rescinded." Friesen said there will be more direction in the budget, expected around the end of the month or early June.

The Tories promised during the election campaign to slow the growth in government spending while protecting front-line services. They promised to work toward a balanced budget but have not set a target date.

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New Bombers jerseys pay homage to team's heyday



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The University of Manitoba receives a \$30-million gift

PHILANTHROPISTS

School's health sciences faculty to be renamed after donation



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

The province's largest university received its largest donation ever Thursday — a \$30-million donation to its faculty of health sciences.

Now to be called the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, the money was given by University of Manitoba alumni and philanthropists Evelyn and Ernest Rady through the Rady Family Foundation.

According to a release issued Thursday, the school says the pair, who have spent the past 50 years living in San Diego, retained a connection to the university because Ernest's father, Max, was a Russian immigrant who moved to Winnipeg and put himself through the medical school, graduating in 1921.

"Perhaps the most important lesson I learned from my parents was the joy of giving back," Ernest wrote in a prepared statement to be read at Thurs-



Students celebrate with a thank-you party on Thursday. UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA/HANDOUT

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Perhaps the most important lesson I learned from my parents was the joy of giving back.

Philanthropist Ernest Rady

day's convocation ceremony.

"In that same spirit of wanting to make a difference — a big difference — I decided to

make a gift to my alma mater, and specifically to the faculty of health sciences, in honour of my parents, Max and Rose Rady. They taught me the values of hard work, and of giving back."

A short biography of Max says that after finishing med school, he went on to become one of the first Jewish doctors in the city to obtain admitting privileges at the St. Boniface Hospital.

Rose, meanwhile, went down in history as the first

Jewish woman to be applauded for her leadership as a volunteer for non-Jewish causes.

The school says the donation in their honour will provide resources to the ongoing research of its staff and students, and well as offer opportunities for new scholarships and bursaries.

The newly-named faculty includes the College of Dentistry, Max Rady College Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy and College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

MAX RADY
Medicine

Max Rady comes from Russia. He received his pre-medical education in Belgium, then came to Winnipeg to study his chosen profession. He has been both friend and good father to all who knew him. He follows college affairs with much interest.

LOUIS STIRALD
Medicine

"Lou" is a Manitoba graduate. His medical education was received in Winnipeg. He returned down the road to complete his course, and to be forever as one of the big men of the class—their is body, heart and mind. Many congratulations and his special smile will bring him success.

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Max Rady was a Russian who emigrated to Winnipeg.
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Philanthropists Evelyn and Ernest Rady donated \$30 million to the University of Manitoba Thursday. CONTRIBUTED

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OFFICE SPACE

Feds seeking very specific new digs

 **Stephanie Taylor**
Metro | Winnipeg

The feds are on the hunt for some new office space in Winnipeg.

The department of Public Works and Government Services Canada is advertising invitations for expressions of interest (EOI) for office space in the city available for lease starting January 2021.

And according to a request posted to the government's tender site, the feds have a fairly clear idea of what they want.

First, the building must have about 11,057 useable square metres (119,016 square feet) of office space, with five parking spots and be situated in an industrially zoned area.

The government says the space can be in one or two buildings but must be within a one-kilometre distance from a main walkway and no more than 500 metres from a transit stop, with bus service available every 30 minutes during business hours from Monday to Friday.

There must also be room for a bike rack.

The government does not specify the type of work to be performed in the building, only that it would include offices.



The new Winnipeg Police headquarters, which is attached to a building the government is seeking a tenant for. METRO FILE

The city is currently calling for its own EOIs for a possible tenant to set up shop in a tower at 266 Graham Ave. — coincidentally, once home to the same public-works department now in search of new offices.

The mostly vacant 11-storey building, which is attached to the new police headquarters at 245 Smith St., offers upward of 156,300 square feet of available — and developable — space, the city said.

The bid says the entire tower, save the first three floors, sit empty after the leases held by public works and Canada Post expired in 2014.

The city is offering the building for lease "as-is," meaning interested occupants would have to conduct their own assessments and perform what is estimated to be millions in renovations.

Back in March, city council voted in favour of issuing an EOI for the potential sale or lease of the tower, which staff estimate to cost \$2.1 million in missed revenues this year and require \$300,000 for general maintenance.

Metro obtained information under Freedom of Information legislation, showing the Winnipeg Police Service held concerns that sale of the tower could leave the police headquarters vulnerable to espionage.



Fires burn near Caddy Lake earlier this week. The blaze encompassed 5,800 hectares Thursday. COURTESY PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Cool weather holds fire line on border

WILDFIRES

Firefighters to be reinforced from north, Nova Scotia

 **Braeden Jones**
Metro | Winnipeg

Although eastern Manitoba has seen very little precipitation this week, the province said wet and cool conditions are helping crews hold two major fires at bay.

According to an update released Thursday, the fires near Caddy Lake and Beresford Lake

remained at their current size for the first time after more than a week of daily growth.

The wildfire northeast of Caddy Lake was sitting at around 5,800 hectares Thursday, and the Beresford Lake fire was around 73,000 hectares.

Wildfire program manager Garry Friesen said earlier this week the two exacerbating factors had been dry conditions and a wind from the southeast — both of which have been mitigated in the latter half of this week.

An unoccupied trapper's cabin on North Cross Lake was the first structural casualty of the ongoing wildfires, and the Winnitoba train station was also destroyed.

Firefighting resources already



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on the ground are being joined by 35 firefighters from northern Manitoba on Thursday, and 20 more are on their way from Nova Scotia.

In terms of weather help, Nat-

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Wide receiver Weston Dressler and defensive back Maurice Leggett model the new jerseys Thursday. BRAEDEN JONES/ METRO

Royal seal on new Bombers threads

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Club looking forward with a throwback to glory days



Braeden Jones
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The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are throwing a long pass back to the glory days with new royal blue jerseys for 2016.

The team officially unveiled their updated uniforms Thursday, featuring royal blue as the primary colour for the first time since 1995.

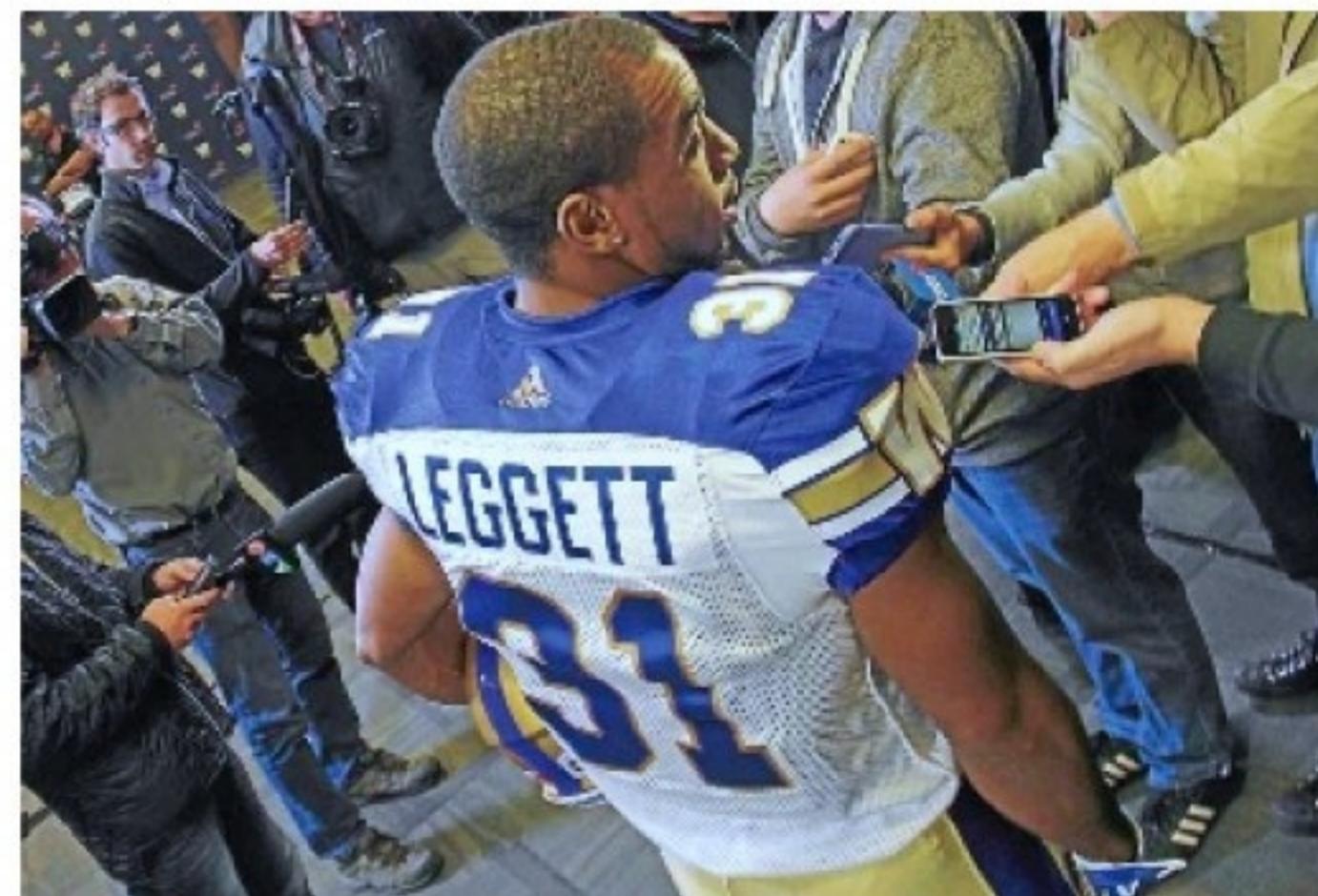
Team president Wade Miller said the new look pays homage to the heydays of the '80s while also looking to the future with modern touches.

"These jerseys are a product of listening to our fans," Miller said.

While he doesn't think the new uniform necessarily means a shift in the team's identity, he said it is a step in that direction.

"I think Bomber football started to change a couple of years ago," he said, adding the team would continue to evolve this year, "and we'll be doing it wearing royal."

Besides the royal throwback, there are some new touches Miller thinks make the jersey



Blue Bomber Maurice Leggett said he liked the away jerseys' new look. BRAEDEN JONES/ METRO

unique in the Canadian Football League.

"The W stands out on the sleeves, it's predominant," he said. "It's just a real clean look."

Wide receiver Weston Dressler, who wore the blue



It's important to recognize history and the past.

Weston Dressler

jersey at Thursday's media event, said the winning pedigree in the revamped colours would definitely mean something to the team.

"It's always important to recognize the history and the past in what organizations have done and what football teams have done," Dressler said.

Defensive back Maurice Leggett, who modelled the white jersey at the unveiling, agreed the royal blue's winning history matters and said the team

would try to "keep that going."

"We pay respect to the guys that played here... it means something for us," Leggett said.

A manufacturing delay means jerseys are only available for pre-order now, but Miller said there are some bonuses being thrown in by Adidas to thank fans for their patience.

"They have the opportunity to get a player T-shirt with numbers on the back and a hat," Miller said. "Fans will understand."



Duane Stewart of Winnipeg is one of two Manitobans won big on the Lotto 6-49 draw. CONTRIBUTED

Winnipeg's got a new millionaire

LOTTERY

Duane Stewart one of two big 6-49 winners from Manitoba

Here's hoping that good luck comes in threes. Two Manitobans have become millionaires this week after winning big on the Lotto 6-49 draw.

Duane Stewart of Winnipeg won his million on the April 2 draw while Pat Tavener of Wanless, Man., took home his million on the April 27 draw.

Tavener says his win took a while — first he won \$10 on a ticket, then he used that to buy another and won \$5, then he bought another and won a free play, and that's the ticket that won him the million.

He says he's played the lottery for more than 30 years and it's a dream come true to finally win big.

"I probably looked over the numbers 46 times before I called to confirm it," Tavener explained. "My mind is blank right now. It still just feels like a dream. I want to take my time digesting this wonderful event."

Stewart knows exactly what he's going to do with the money: "I'm retiring. There's no ifs, ands or buts about it."

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City plans ash tree count to fight beetle

The City of Winnipeg says the urban forestry department will be counting its inventory of ash trees on private property.

The reason for the count is to prepare for the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle, which the city warns is an invasive species that always kills ash trees.

The city says since a majority of ash trees are located in residents' lawns and backyards, the inventory count is

an important step to ensure the urban forestry department is prepared with the proper amount of resources to deal with the insects.

Staff have been given the authority to go onto private property to do the count, says the city.

The city says residents will be able to identify urban forestry staff by their city and provincial ID cards.

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Order of Manitoba recipients named

COMMUNITY

Indigenous leaders, mayor and ex-NHLer to be honoured

Eleven outstanding Manitobans will be given the province's highest honour on July 7.

Lt. Gov. Janice Filmon announced the list Thursday morning, which includes:

• **Paul Albrechtsen**, a trucking magnate, business leader and philanthropist. Founder of one of the leading bulk transport services in Western Canada, the Paul Albrechtsen Foundation has benefited many organizations including the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre.

• **Marileen Bartlett**, a Métis woman, community leader and entrepreneur, she has dedicated more than 30 years to leadership in the field of Indigenous employment and training. She is also a firm believer that

equitable access to education and training are essential to equitable participation by Indigenous people in the economy.

• **Maria De Nardi**, the daughter of Italian immigrants, has contributed to the enrichment of Italian culture in Manitoba and was a founder of the Lupa di Roma Sons of Italy organization. She was instrumental in creating the Manitoba chapter of the Italian Chamber of Commerce.

• **Dr. Dhali Dhaliwal**, past president and CEO of Cancer-Care Manitoba (2003 to 2013) who introduced many leading-edge advancements in the prevention, rapid diagnosis and treatment of cancer. He also increased rural patients' access to cancer care and treatment through enhanced regional cancer centres.

• **Chief Betsy Kennedy**, the longest-serving female chief in Manitoba, became chief of the War Lake First Nation in 2006. She has overseen the development of many health, environmental and economic additions.

• **Dr. Gary Kobinger**, one of the world's leading researchers in the global fight against Ebola. As chief of the special pathogens program at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, he has been deployed to Africa several times as part of a mobile lab team to fight Ebola at its origin, helping to reduce its spread.

• **Wanda Koop**, one of Canada's pre-eminent contemporary artists and community activists, who, for more than 40 years, has made a substantial contribution to Canadian art. She also founded Art City, offering free art programs for inner-city youth.

• **Reggie Leach**, despite enduring racism and poverty as a child, 'The Riverton Rifle' went on to become one of the most gifted hockey players of his generation. With 13 seasons in the National Hockey League, he was named to the all-star team in 1976 and 1980.

• **Bernadette Smith** is best known for her dedication to pursuing justice for Canada's missing and murdered indigenous girls and women.

• **Susan Thompson**, the first and only woman mayor of Winnipeg who saw the city through its largest crisis in 100 years, the flood of 1997. She was also the first woman consul general at the Canadian Consulate in Minneapolis and the founding president and CEO of the University of Winnipeg Foundation.

• **Wanbdi Wakita**, a Dakota spiritual leader, residential school survivor and a veteran of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry peacekeeping mission in Europe. He has spent more than 30 years working as an elder in federal, provincial and territorial prisons, and has devoted his life to teaching and healing the relationship between First Nations and non-First Nations people. METRO



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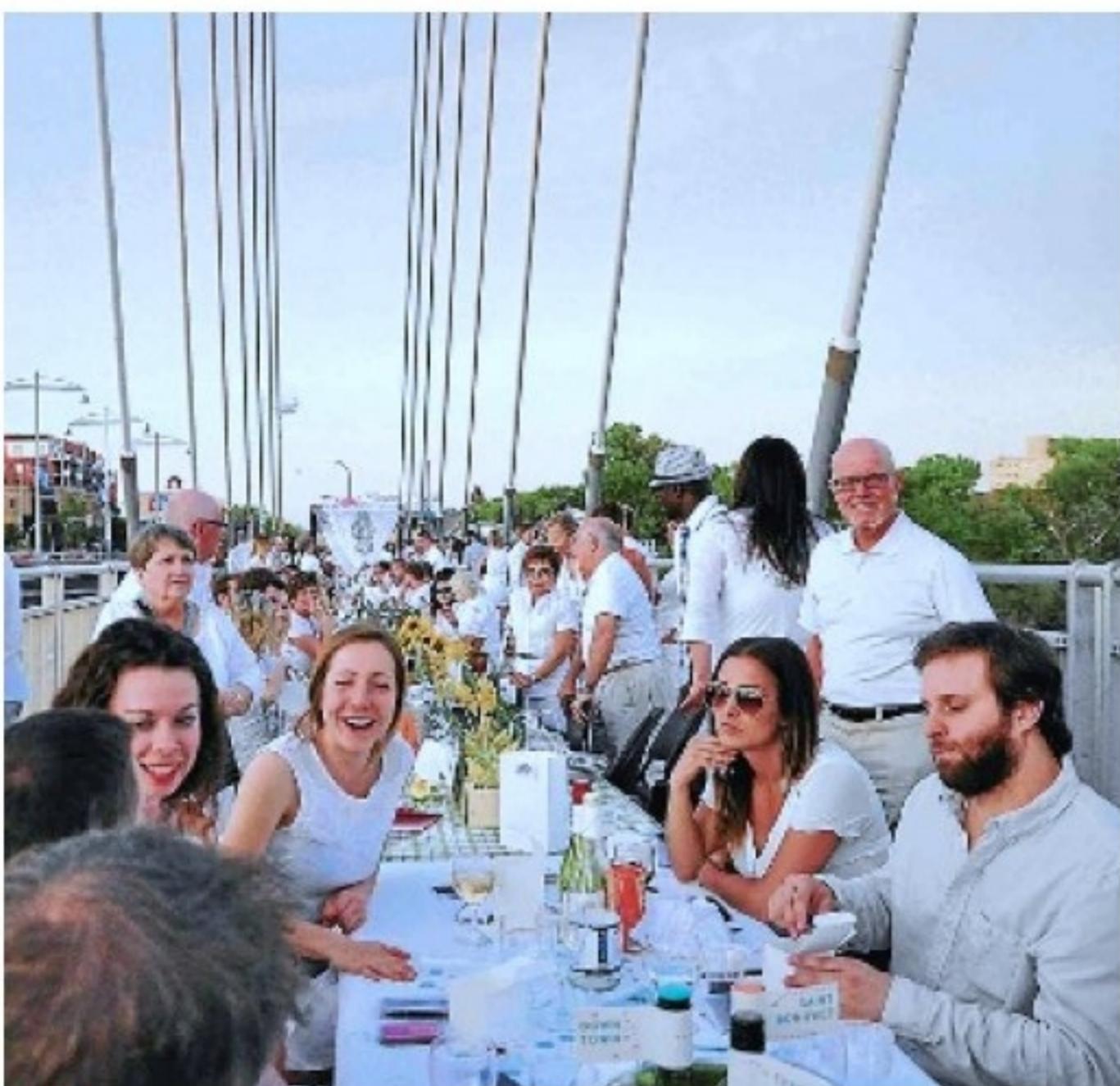
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No bail for alleged letter-bomber

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Accused in poor health after more than two years in custody

A man accused of sending letter bombs in the mail, including one that cost a lawyer her hand, has been denied his last chance at bail before his trial next year.

A gaunt-looking Guido Amsel showed no emotion when he heard the decision, but his wife wiped away tears and left the courtroom weeping.

Amsel is charged with three counts of attempted murder after letter bombs were sent to a pair of Winnipeg law firms and to his former wife last summer. Two of the explosives were safely detonated, but one exploded and seriously injured lawyer Maria Mitousis, who had represented Amsel's ex-wife in the couple's divorce.

Amsel is also facing attempted murder charges related to the



Guido Amsel HANDOUT

detonation of an explosive device outside the home he once shared with his ex-wife in 2013. He has been in jail since July.

Amsel was denied bail last fall, but had appealed and waived his right to a publication ban. Justice Chris Martin upheld the original decision.

"There is no error in law," Martin said Thursday. "I disagree that (the lower court judge's) reasons can be read as having assumed Mr. Amsel was guilty."

Despite defence arguments, the Crown's case is "not, on its face, a weak one," Martin said, although he added that the

allegations still have to be tested in a trial.

Martin Glazer, Amsel's lawyer, said the decision is disappointing since it means his client will remain behind bars until he is tried by a provincial judge alone in August 2017.

"That's more than two years from the time he was arrested," Glazer said. "That's a significant time to wait in jail when you are presumed innocent."

Martin dismissed the length of time Amsel has to wait for his day in court as a reason to grant him bail. The judge instead criticized both the defence and the Crown for not scheduling it sooner.

"A decision to hold Mr. Amsel in custody pending his trial does not signify that he is guilty and it does not ignore his constitutional rights," Martin said. "I urge Mr. Amsel and the Crown to get on with it."

Glazer said Amsel's health has been suffering while he's been in custody. Two days ago, Glazer said, Amsel was hospitalized due to high blood pressure.

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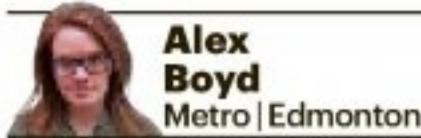
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Will they stay, or will they go?



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

If Zander Jacobs' parents have their way, their son will be re-united with the Sith lords he loves as soon as possible, back in Fort McMurray.

Ten-year-old Zander left his two action figures behind in his home — luckily still standing — when he evacuated it last week with his family.

Jacobs can't wait to see Darth Vader and Darth Maul again.

"I'm a really big Star Wars fan," he said. "I love all of them."

But his parents are just keen to return to the city they love.

"We're planning on going back, though there'll be lots of work to do," said Connie Jacobs, Zander's mother. "That's our home no matter where we are, that's where our heart is right now."

Evacuating the city was chaotic for the Jacobs family: Zander, his sister and father, Steven, weren't at home and



Connie Jacobs and her son Zander, 10, are planning to go back to Fort McMurray with their family and pets. KEVIN TUNG/FOR METRO

ended up being evacuated north, while his mother was at home, and loaded up their two dogs, cat and bearded dragon — packed into an Old Dutch potato-chip box — and headed south.

They're now staying at a friend's place in Spruce Grove,

near Edmonton, where they're sharing space with two other families.

While Jacobs no longer has a job to go back to — she was working for a condo company that had all its units burn — she said her husband works for a flooring company that they

believe is still in business.

She's looking forward to going home, but safety concerns have to be addressed.

"We definitely want to go back, but we want to make sure it's safe. We don't ever want to ever go through anything like this again."

Theresa Blacquiere is adamant she won't return to Fort McMurray, after she fled the city in what she calls a terrifying experience.

After raging wildfires consumed about 10 per cent of Fort McMurray last week, Blacquiere was among the more than 88,000 who left their homes.

"I left with the clothes on my back," she said.

"It was probably the most frightening experience I had ever been through."

And as many plan to rebuild their lives in the city once they can return, Blacquiere said she won't — she has moved on.

"I'm too terrified to go back," she said, "and I can guarantee you I won't be back."

She said she isn't sure she'll return to fetch her belongings, as they continue to sit untouched since last week's blaze.

"I just don't know," she said repeatedly. "I've given my landlord my notice, so I may be paying rent until June," Blacquiere said. "But

it is what it is — I don't plan on going back."

In fact, Blacquiere has managed to acquire her old apartment in Lacombe.

She said she just feels happy to be somewhere away from the flames.

"It's a bit funny that I've wound up back here, but it's just so heartbreaking to see what has happened," she said.

Blacquiere, who works as a clerk at an oil and gas camp south of the city, said nobody is quite sure when they'll be called back up, as the fire proves to move in unpredictable ways.

She said the next two weeks will be getting settled in Lacombe, reconnecting with friends and waiting to see how work pans out.

"I haven't looked for other jobs, yet," she said. "It's like one big waiting game, so I'm just going to take it day-by-day."



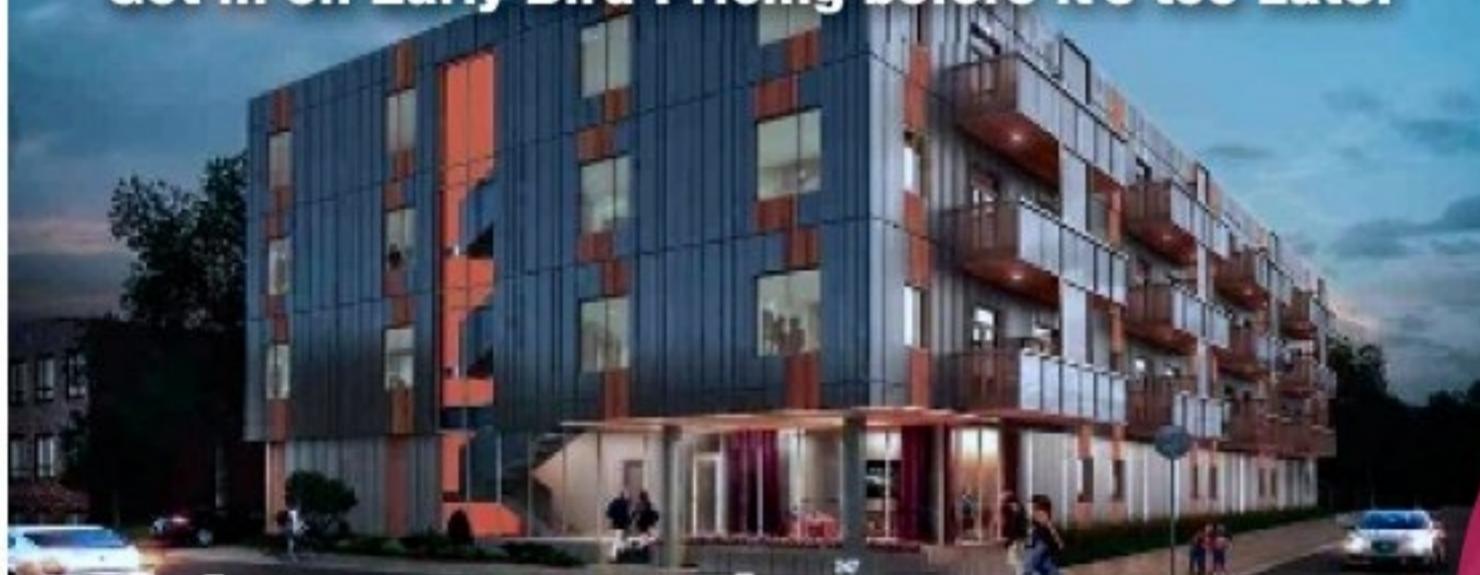
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In the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfire, which saw more than 88,000 people evacuated from their homes and 2,400 buildings destroyed, many people don't know what the future holds. One family Metro spoke with is determined to return to their lives, while another woman wants to leave the tragedy behind.



Theresa Blacquiere is among few Fort McMurray residents who don't plan to return to the city. "I'm too terrified to go back," she says. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

STRIP CLUB

'People just want to relax'

Fire evacuees from Fort McMurray have been offered meals, clothing, places to stay and now an unusual gift — a free lap dance.

An Edmonton strip club is waiving its \$9 entry fee and offering one \$30 lap dance to any customers from the evacuated city in northern Alberta.

As demonstrated in the days since the fire, the oilsands capital is home to many families.

But Chris Round, manager of a company that manages five strip clubs in Alberta including one in Fort McMurray, acknowledges the city also has a reputation as a party place for oil workers making loads of money and spending it in bars on their days off.

"Fort McMurray has been very good to our industry and to our business, that's for sure," Round said Wednesday.

"It's been a stressful time for everybody. People just want to relax and get their mind off things for a little bit."

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Renters, landlords frustrated

HOUSING

Lease deals a source of tension for many residents

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Fort McMurray's fire only charred about 10 per cent of homes in the area, but for tenants and landlords still barred from the city, both could see losses over lease agreements.

Renters looking for answers about getting back their May 1 deposits won't find them in Alberta's Residential Tenancies Act. According to a Calgary real estate lawyer, acts of God aren't part of provincial legislation and normally fall under the insurance.

Kim Clemens and her husband fled Fort McMurray after beginning a new lease on a condo. They paid their first month's rent and a damage deposit she says they may not get back.

"One week into evacuation they call to tell us they were evicting us because they needed



A charred oven is shown in the Abasands neighbourhood during a media tour of the fire-damaged city of Fort McMurray on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the condo back," Clemens said. "They said their home was gone so they needed that condo."

She said they intend to stay and have already spoken to a lawyer about their rights — they've been advised to continue paying rent and that the landlord needs a just cause to evict them.

"I cry a lot," Clemens said. "I was happy, I had a home

before I left."

Calgary real estate lawyer Jeffrey Kahane said first steps include checking with your landlord and your insurance company — if you have one.

"There's nothing in the act that would let (tenants) get their month's rent back," Kahane said. "They're renting the property, all their stuff is in the property, and it's unfortunate. They could

try talking to their landlord, but they're under no obligation to give it to them."

A form published by the Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta and Laws for Landlords and Tenants in Alberta reflects as much. Renters are required to keep paying rent. If the property has health and safety issues and both parties can't come to an agreement, tenants can call

a health inspector.

If a leased building isn't standing anymore, or severely damaged, tenants can choose to "treat the rental agreement as frustrated," stop paying rent, pack up and go. It's usually best to let the landlord know in writing, and have substantial photo and video evidence before booking it.

Kahane said if the property has been completely burned down renters may be able to request back partial rent.

Clemens' isn't the only case of tensions bubbling between landlords and tenants. Fort McMurray evacuees share posts on support Facebook groups, some tenants trying to make deals with their landlords, others asking legal advice and most looking for answers.

It's not just renters with concerns. Landlords can't claim lost rent through their insurance unless the property is reduced to cinders. They can defer their mortgage payments, but are still going to be on the hook for cash. And if tenants leave, that's their livelihood on the line.

Metro contacted Service Alberta for clarification, but waited for a response for four days before publication.

SAFETY

Fire may not return for years



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Silver linings will be small comfort to the residents of Fort McMurray, but the massive fire that forced all to flee may keep the community safe from a similar disaster in the future.

Chad Morrison, senior wildfire manager in Alberta, said the fire has destroyed so much of the surrounding forest that it would be difficult for another to spread.

"Much of the vegetation has been consumed, so that will actually protect if the fire ends up turning around," he said.

"Once the fire has burned through, it won't return there, but there is still lots of work to make that safe," he said.

The community's mayor, Melissa Blake echoed those comments.

"I feel safe from fires for the next 50 to 75 years, because it is not likely to do this again real soon," she said. But she also said the community will have to take a hard look at how it's laid out and how structures are built.

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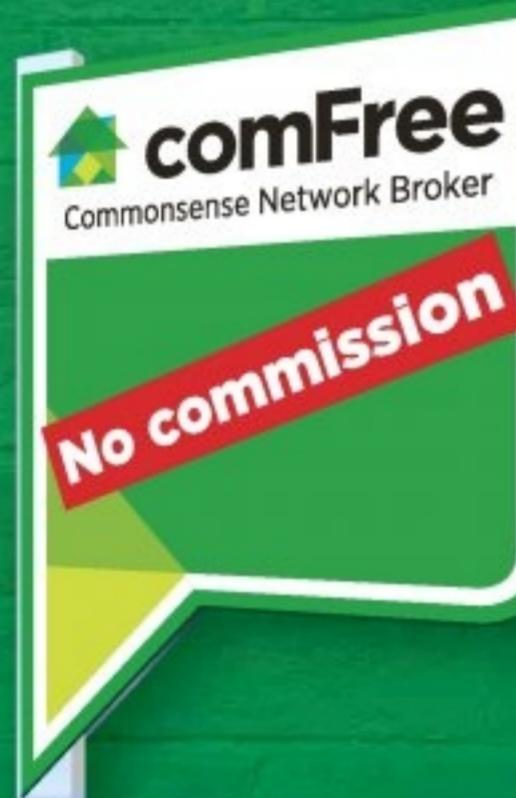
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EXPLOITATION

Child sex tourism increasing

More children than ever are being exploited in the travel and tourism sector in Canada and around the world, according to a new report released Thursday.

The two-year study, produced by the non-governmental organization ECPAT International, found that child-sex tourism has increased drastically and changed in nature in the last 20 years despite strong global efforts to combat the problem.

The main reason is the "phenomenal" increase in global travel, which has created more opportunities for abuse, says a member of the task force that oversaw the report.

"The only way not to find this problem in any community is simply not to look," Ernie Allen said in an interview.

The study found that Canada and the U.S., which have traditionally been considered "source countries" for abusers, are increasingly also becoming destinations. In Canada, indigenous women and kids are especially vulnerable.

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IN BRIEF

Nearly all of feds' refugees housed

Immigration Minister John McCallum said 98 per cent of government-sponsored Syrian refugees have now found permanent housing.

The minister told a Commons committee that the remaining two per cent should be housed by mid-June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

but the state of emergency also caught the attention of Motivate Canada.

more physical activity... something to do," Adams said. "So we said, 'We really think our Activate program could make a difference.'

Every year, Motivate hosts the Activate National Youth Leadership Forum — a workshop-based conference for young people to learn how to leverage the power of sport and recreation to change their communities for the better.

Motivate CEO Don Adams and organizers saw social-media posts on what Attawapiskat youth said they needed.

"They were saying, 'We need more recreation, more sport,



Tatum Nakogee and Skylar Hookimaw in Ottawa on Thursday. COURTESY DAN DUBEAU

Helping youth feel like 'they matter'

MENTAL WELLNESS

Group to teach youth how to bring sports and hope home

Skylar Hookimaw has been searching for a way to bring positivity into his home of Attawapiskat and believes he may have found it this week.

The First Nation declared a state of emergency in April after its population of around 2,000 saw more than 100 suicide attempts in half a year.

Both federal and provincial governments responded with crisis teams, mental-health professionals and social workers,

“Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future.”

Skylar Hookimaw

from Attawapiskat to Activate 2016, running this week at the YMCA Bonnenfant Camp in Dunrobin, just outside Ottawa.

Motivate invited Hookimaw and two other young people from Attawapiskat to Activate 2016, running this week at the YMCA Bonnenfant Camp in Dunrobin, just outside Ottawa.

Rather than dispatch outside help to Attawapiskat, Activate is teaching three of its own young people how to spark change from within.



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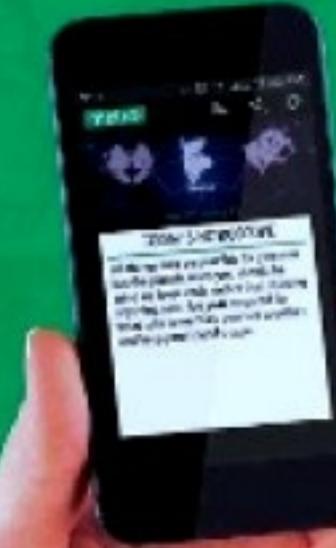
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Trump mending fences

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner pledges to work with House Speaker

Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan pledged to work together despite their differences after a meeting Thursday aimed at unifying a party torn over Trump's rise to the cusp of the Republican presidential nomination. The speaker stopped short of a full-throated endorsement but appeared closer to one.

Trump and Ryan issued a statement describing their meeting as a "very positive step toward unification" that recognized "many important areas of common ground" as well as areas where they disagree. Ryan stunned Republicans by withholding his endorsement a week ago when it became clear Trump was on a firm path to the nomination.

The much-anticipated meeting unfolded as more Republicans have begun urging the



Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan have vowed to work together despite their differences in an attempt to unify the Republican Party. GETTY IMAGES

party to leave the extraordinary discord behind. The statement by the two suggested both are invested in tamping down Republican infighting as they try to pull the GOP together for the fight against Hillary Clinton and Democrats in the fall.

Ryan told a news conference they are "planting the seeds" to

accomplish that.

In a tweet, Trump said: "Great day in D.C. with @SpeakerRyan and Republican leadership. Things working out really well!"

Trump, in a black SUV, slipped from one GOP power centre to another on a fence-mending mission made necessary by his outsider status in the city that

embodies insiders.

The billionaire's provocative, crowd-rousing pronouncements, his arsenal of insults hurled at rivals and his amorphous positions on matters dear to conservatives have unnerved many GOP leaders who fear he will be crushed in the fall. At the same time, more are recognizing that

he's tapped a deep nerve among many of the disaffected - and the GOP has no alternative to him in any event.

Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, an ally of GOP leadership, said Thursday his biggest worry about Trump is that he is "unpredictable." Yet Trump is also a "change agent," Cole said. "That's exactly what people want right now, so in that sense he's very well-positioned for a general election."

The highest-ranking woman in the House GOP leadership, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington state, said the meeting gave her a chance to make this core value clear to Trump: "Dreaming big for everyone and turning its back on no one."

About a dozen protesters who oppose Trump's immigration positions demonstrated at the front of the RNC building where the men met. They chanted "Down, down with deportation. Up, up with liberation."

They carried a cardboard coffin that they said represents the suffering of immigrants under GOP policies and the death of the party under Trump.

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GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

Gun used in Martin case for sale online

An online gun auction website yanked George Zimmerman's ad to sell the pistol he used to kill unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, saying it wanted no part in the deal, but a second site offered to post it.

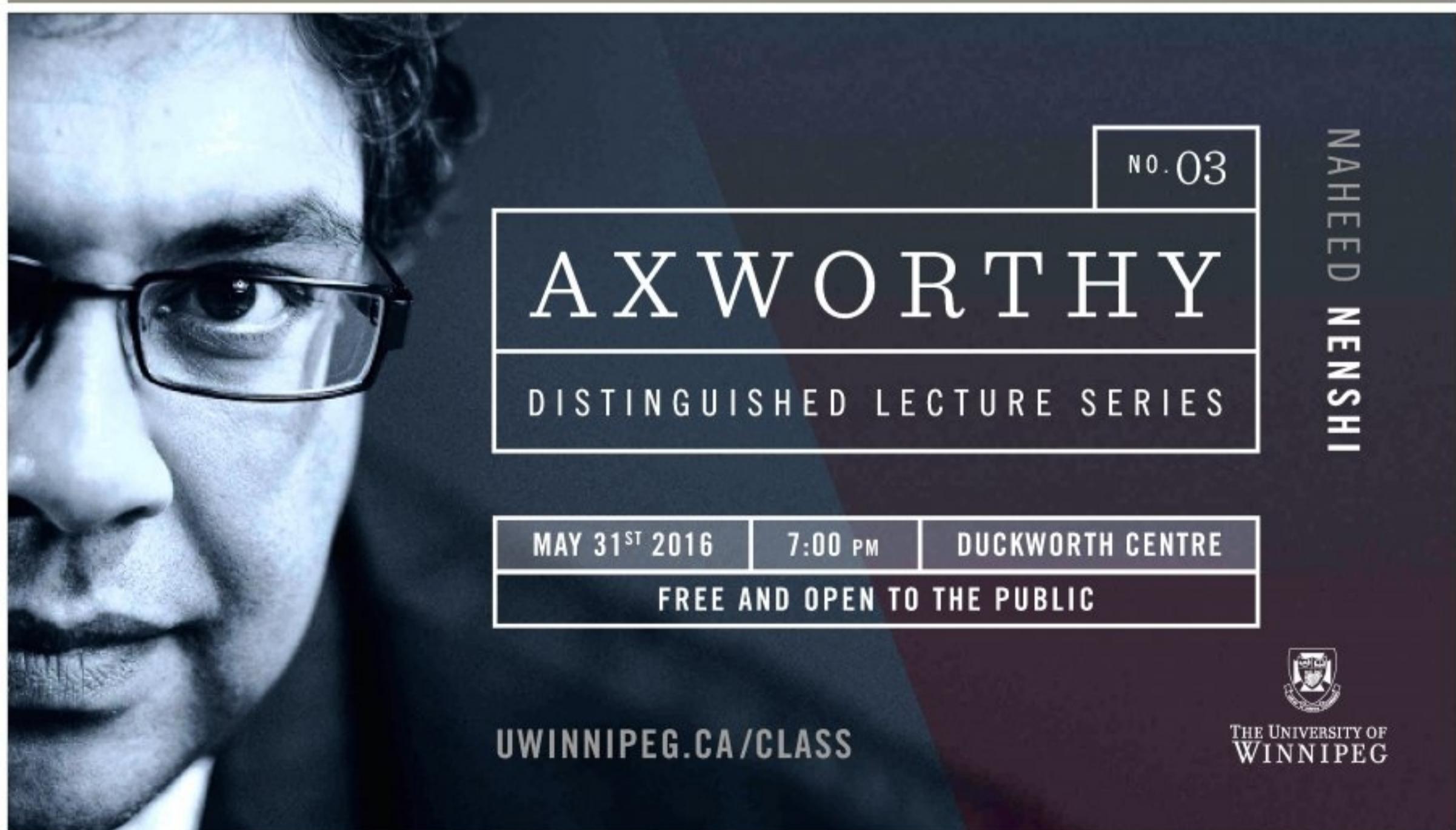
A listing for the weapon was removed from the GunBroker.com site Thursday morning, minutes after the auction was to begin, as negative traffic about the sale exploded online.

In a statement posted on its website, GunBroker.com said listings are user generated, and that the company reserved the right to reject listings at its discretion. No one there "has any relationship with Zimmerman", the company wrote in its statement.

It added, "We want no part in the listing on our website or in any of the publicity it is receiving." Hours later, United Gun Group tweeted that it would post Zimmerman's ad.

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The UN health agency says more than four out of five city dwellers worldwide live in cities that don't meet WHO air quality guidelines.

The findings are part of WHO's third Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database, which examines outdoor air in 3,000 cities, towns and villages across 103 countries, although some nations, including many in Africa, don't contribute data.

The agency named Zabol, Iran, as the city with the highest annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter — a key measure of air pollu-

tion that could damage health. By that measure, India stood out as home to more than half of the 21 most polluted cities.

New Delhi, which had previously topped the list, dropped to No. 11 after decreasing its concentration of particulate matter by about 20 per cent from 2013 to 2015 through a series of air-clearing measures including banning older cars and cargo trucks from the city, introducing steep fines for con-

struction pollution or garbage burning, and shutting down an old coal-fired power plant.

In Europe, the Bosnian city of Tuzla had the worst air, although its pollution level was far less than in much larger cities in India, Pakistan and China. The worst air pollution in a U.S. city was in California's Visalia-Porterville area, ranked far lower, at 1,080th, than many developing-world cities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Artist Danielle Charlestin shows off a burial container she is painting in Troy, N.Y., that will hold the remains of a slave found at an unmarked cemetery. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remains of slaves to be reburied

ALBANY, N.Y.

Construction workers found the graveyard 11 years ago

Their exhumed bones point to the hard lives of slaves: arthritic backs, missing teeth, muscular frames. In death, they were wrapped in shrouds, buried in pine boxes and — over centuries — forgotten.

Remains of the 14 presumed slaves will soon be reburied near the Hudson River in New York state, 11 years after construction workers uncovered the unmarked gravesite. This time, volunteers are honouring the seven adults, five infants and two children in a way that would have been unthinkable when they died. They will be publicly memorialized and buried in personalized boxes beside prominent families in old Albany.

"It's something we agonize over because it's very rare that you have an opportunity to not just speak about the

lives of the enslaved, but to actually do something to honour them," said Cordell Reaves, of the Schuyler Flatts Burial Ground Project.

Their headstone is already set. The etching, echoing the style of 18th-century graves, reads: "Here lies the remains of 14 souls known only to God. Enslaved in life, they are slaves no more."

Archeologists found remains in 2005 after a backhoe operator uncovered a skull during sewer construction just north of Albany. Graves were in two rows, heads pointed west.

The type of wrought iron nails on the coffins and brass pins on the shrouds indicated burials in the 18th or early 19th centuries. They were buried on the former site of a farm owned by members of the locally prominent Schuyler family, who kept slaves.

DNA tests on five of the women and one man showed maternal ancestry from Africa and Madagascar. Another woman, identified as of African descent, had Native American roots on her mother's side.

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This photo provided by Felix & Paul Studios shows a scene from a 3-D video series called Nomads. Virtual reality specialist Oculus is trying to impress consumers by adding entertainment and educational options to the Samsung Gear headset. HANDOUT VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Samsung expands its virtual reality

TECHNOLOGY

Company pairs with Oculus in attempt to dazzle tech consumers

Smartphone maker Samsung and virtual reality specialist Oculus are trying to dazzle consumers by adding more entertainment and educational options to their Gear headset in hopes of transforming the technological curiosity into a cultural phenomenon.

The new selections announced Wednesday include Nomads, a three-dimensional video series examining wayfaring lifestyles in remote parts of the world. There's also an upcoming video game called Tactera that requires players to plot a battlefield strategy on a holographic tabletop, and another 360-degree video called

6X9 providing a grim look of what it's like to be stuck in a prison's solitary confinement cell.

They join a menu of more than 250 apps designed for the Gear VR since its consumer model was released nearly six months ago. That's a meagre amount compared to the millions of apps available for the iPhone and devices running on the Android operating system.

Devices that build an arsenal of compelling apps usually are easier to sell to consumers. Pro-

grammers, though, put a lower priority on designing apps for devices until they have amassed a large audience.

That hasn't happened yet with the Gear, though Oculus says it is winning over fans faster than it anticipated when the headset hit the market just before last year's holiday shopping season. About 1 million people used the Gear VR last month for an average of 25 minutes per day, according to Oculus. About 80 per cent of that time was spent watching video.

Samsung designed the Gear for its most recent smartphones with the help of Oculus, a little-known startup until online social networking leader Facebook bought it for \$2 billion two years ago to help introduce virtual reality to the masses.

The concept of virtual reality, a technology that immerses people in an artificial world, has been around for years, but has never taken off. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEXT BIG THING

Mark Zuckerberg is convinced virtual reality is destined to become technology's next big breakthrough, and other influential trendsetters Google and Apple are now scrambling to catch up.

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REPRESENTATION

Emojis for women by Google

Google wants professional women to be better represented in emoji form.

In a proposal to the Unicode Consortium, which controls specifications for emojis, Google says it wants to create a new set "with a goal of highlighting the diversity of women's careers and empowering girls everywhere."

Sample emojis provided by Google in the proposal show several female characters in professional clothing, including business suits, lab coats, medical scrubs and construction hats.

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Emojis designed by Google to focus on women.
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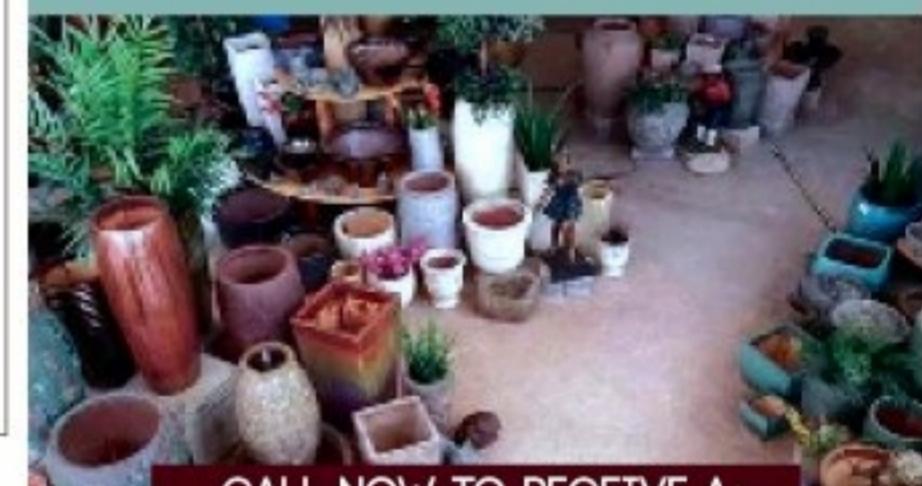
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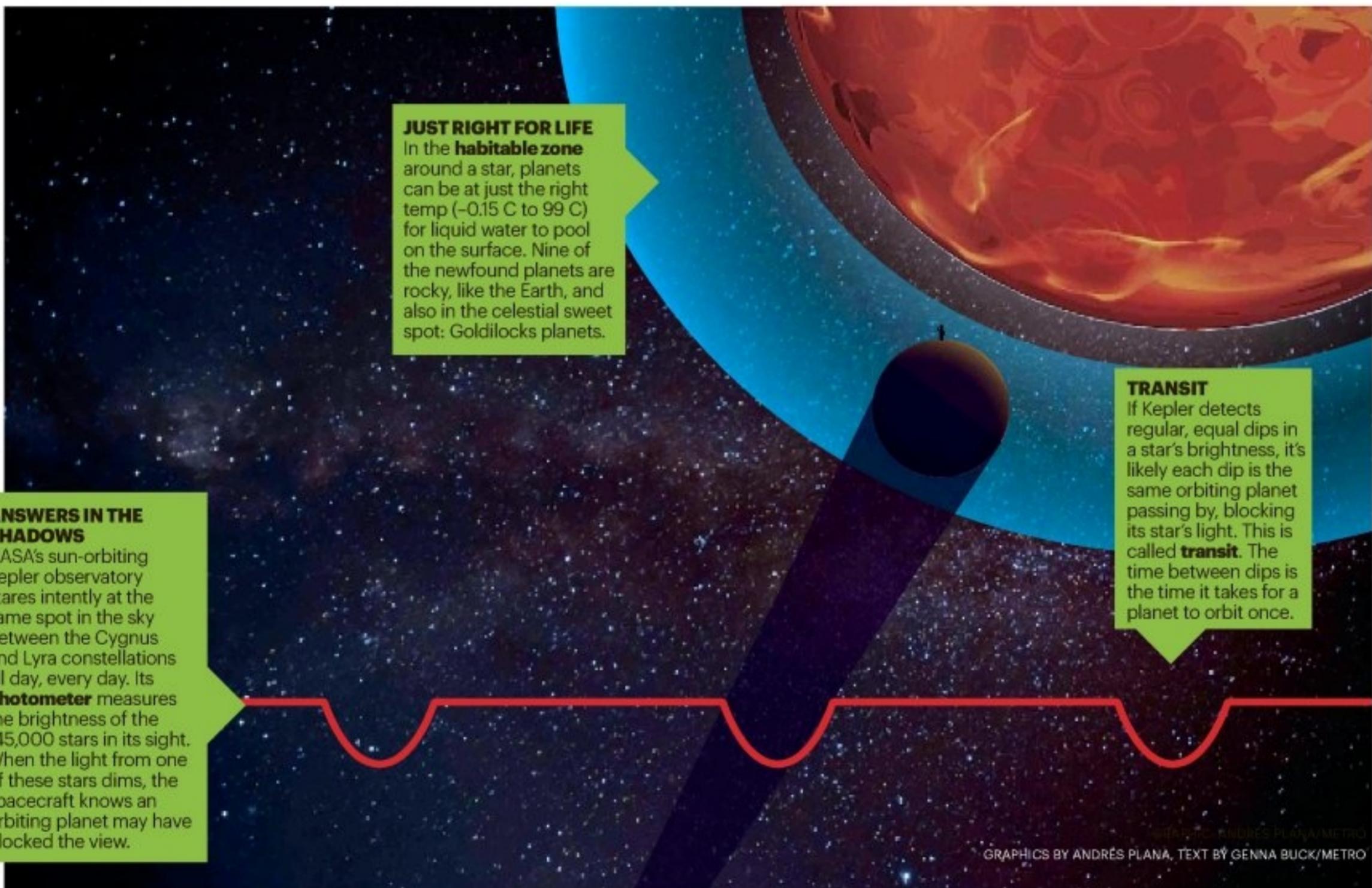
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GOING VIRAL
Articles about the 2014-15 measles outbreak were read and shared more if they had "bottom line" statements (vaccines good, measles bad).

DECODED Goldilocks planets

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

NASA's Kepler mission confirmed the existence of 1,284 more planets this week, doubling the total number of **exoplanets** known to science (that is, planets outside our familiar eight-planet solar system. Sorry, Pluto). Some of these new worlds are Earth-like and a handful are in that not-too-hot, not-too-cold "Goldilocks" zone — our best hope to one day learn we're **not alone in our galaxy**.



CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can garlic cure my cold?

If I'm coming down with a cold, I should swallow a bunch of garlic right away, right? — Rosie, Vancouver

Mmm. Garlic bread. That will definitely make you happy and take your mind off your cold. In all seriousness, though, there's some evidence garlic prevents colds, but it's pretty weak.

Garlic contains a fragrant compound called allicin, which has been shown in the lab to have antiviral and antibacterial

properties. Clinical trials in people, though, are scarce and mostly poorly designed. The most recent review of the research I could find included just one good-quality experiment: 146 people got either a placebo or 180 mg of allicin (10 cloves' worth!) daily for three months. According to self-reported symptoms (not the most reliable), the garlic group had less than half as many colds.

However, the experiment may have been thrown off because

some people in the garlic group knew who they were: Their bad breath gave it away.

This example illustrates some general problems with botanical remedies. Most of their active components are found in plants in trace amounts that can vary a lot. And though you can buy concentrated plant products, they're loosely regulated. You can't always be sure the content, the dosage or the health claims on the label are accurate.

If you think "Even if garlic isn't

the **best**, at least it's natural," I'd argue that statement's pretty meaningless. Cases in point: Salicylic acid (aspirin) made in a lab is chemically identical to the compound found in white willow. Botulin toxin is a "natural," lethal, poison. I'm not a doctor, but I'll tell you what I do for colds: tea, Netflix, over-the-counter fever meds, and if I think it's going to make me happier, garlic bread.

Science Question?
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FINDINGS
Your week in science



SELECTIVE MEMORY

You know the feeling: We remember past failures and embarrassments acutely but forget less awful things that happened around the same time. A study from University College London suggests the hippocampus, which helps associate memories with their surrounding context, is less active while we're exposed to gruesome images and events.

HUNGER IN YOUR HEAD

Researchers at McGill University have discovered that a specific type of brain cells, **NG2-glia cells**, are essential for signalling to the body that we've had enough to eat.

SOUND SMART

PEDOMORPHISM

DEFINITION
Pedomorphism is a type of genetic change: It's when the adults of a species start to display a trait that used to only be seen in the young. It can happen randomly, or through natural selection or selective breeding.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

"I think there's a lot of **pedomorphism** bred into pugs like Pamela. Look at her chubby cheeks and big, round eyes. She looks like a puppy, but she's 16!"

PHILOSOPHER CAT by Jason Logan



More than gorgeous George

CLOONEY'S RESUME

The star's latest, Money Monster, at home among an eclectic mix

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

George Clooney is a rare breed, a one-name film star. Mention "George" and everyone knows who you're talking about.

He's headlined a handful of films dating all the way back to when there was a Clinton in the White House that raked in north of \$100 million. Since leaving the television show ER in 1999, he's released two movies a year on average, including this weekend's Money Monster, a thriller about the host of a financial advice show held hostage on live TV by an investor who lost everything.

Some of his films have been successful, others not, but it's clear Clooney doesn't aspire to be a blockbuster star. Perhaps it's because George is, as Time called him, "the last movie star," that he appears determined to smash what that kind of stardom means. By lending his name to offbeat movies he deconstructs the mechanism of stardom.

George steers his career toward character driven pieces, often at the expense of giant box office numbers. And while the fabric of his fame may fray around the edges from time to



Clooney as he appears in this year's Money Monster. Once described by Time as "the last movie star," Clooney has built up an impressive and eclectic resume on the silver screen, writes Richard Crouse. COURTESY ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

time — he's as susceptible to box office vagaries as anyone — he stays busy, winning Oscars, producing movies like August: Osage County and acting as pitchman for everyone from Fiat to Martini vermouth.

"I'm very aware of the fact that if not for a Thursday night time slot on ER, I wouldn't have this career," he once said, "so I'm going to push the limits as much as I can."

From kid flicks to period dramas and political satire Clooney has done just that.

Loosely based on a Roald Dahl story, the stop-motion animated Fantastic Mr. Fox sees Clooney as a smooth-talking fox that returns to a life of crime after buying a tree house he can't afford. Clooney brings charm, wit and warmth to an unpredictable character, smooth one minute, a wild animal the next.

Clooney also starred in The Good German, a tribute to 1940s cinema shot with technology from the golden age of Hollywood — the same lenses, the same atmospheric lighting, the

same rat-a-tat-tat style of dialogue, the same everything. It's a retro-looking film made with twenty-first century creative freedom. Clooney, as an American military journalist covering the Potsdam Conference in post-war Berlin, and co-star Cate Blanchett look like golden age movie stars but behave more like Brat Packers.

Strangest of all is The Men Who Stare at Goats, the best movie with the worst name on Clooney's resume. He plays a psychic soldier in this screwball

satire about the state of modern warfare. It's an absurdist film, filled with memorable images — Clooney staring down a goat, enlisted men doing the Watusi and a montage of Jeff Bridges embarking on a journey of en-

lightenment — where no joke is too broad or too barbed.

George is so artistically eclectic he even disowns one of his biggest hits. "I always apologize for Batman!" he says of the ludicrous Batman & Robin.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Money Monster ★★
A Bigger Splash ★★★★
Sunset Song ★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
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STYLE

Sassy, understated looks dominate Cannes red carpet events



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French nonchalant approach to her makeup, with casual center-parted hair, a light smoky brown eye and a shimmery coral lip her only concessions to the glamorous event. She posed alongside fellow member of the jury Kirsten Dunst, who looked polished in her post-box red lipstick, teamed with a side swept fringe and light eye makeup.

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Clooney vows U.S. will not elect Trump



Julia Roberts and George Clooney attend the Money Monster premiere in Cannes on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

POLITICS

In Cannes, actor says fear won't drive his nation

George Clooney has vowed that Donald Trump will not be elected president, promising that "fear is not going to be something that drives" the United States.

Clooney spoke to reporters Thursday at the Cannes Film Festival where he stars in Jodie Foster's hostage thriller Money Monster. Clooney, a prominent fundraiser for Hillary Clinton, insisted that Trump will not win.

"There's not going to be a President Donald Trump," Clooney said.

"That's not going to happen. Fear is not going to be something that drives our country. We're not going to be scared of Muslims or immigrants or women."

"We're not actually afraid of anything."

Clooney and his wife, human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, last month hosted a pair of events in Los Angeles and San Francisco that raised millions for Clinton.

The actor said that Trump is the product of the collision of news and entertainment depicted in Money Monster.

In it, Clooney plays a Jim

Cramer-like financial guru taken hostage live on the air by a distraught investor (Jack O'Connell). Julia Roberts co-stars as the program's producer.

"Trump is actually a result in many ways of the fact that much of the news programs didn't follow up and ask tough questions," said Clooney.

"Twenty-four-hour news doesn't mean you get more news, it means you get the same news more," he continued.

"More and more and more you hear these guys, their ratings go up because they can show an empty podium saying 'Donald Trump is about to speak,' as opposed to taking those 30 seconds and saying, 'Well, let's talk about refugees,' which is the biggest crisis going on in the world right now."

For the 55-year-old Clooney, television news has been a life-long theme.

His father, Nick Clooney, was a journalist and distinguished local news anchor.

Clooney's second film as a director was 2005's Good Night, and Good Luck, his black-and-white Edward R. Murrow

drama about the halcyon days of television news.

As an actor in Steven Soderbergh's Out of Sight, he also memorably riffed on Network, the Sidney Lumet-Paddy Chayefsky classic of ratings-obsessed broadcast news.

"Money Monster talks about the evolution of what has become the cross between news and entertainment."

"And I think that's been a big problem. Network started it," said Clooney. "Everything that Paddy Chayefsky wrote in 1975 came true."

Money Monster, Foster's fourth film as a director, debuted in Cannes on Thursday ahead of its North American release on Friday.

Critics greeted it with lukewarm reviews, though the film has drawn praise for being a rare commodity: an adult thriller with some meaning.

"This movie is talking about one of the things that I think is a great disaster in the way we inform ourselves right now," said Clooney.

"We've lost the ability to get to and tell the truth and get to the facts."

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Mediterranean days turn dark once Tilda Swinton, Dakota Johnson, Matthias Schoenaerts and Ralph Fiennes get together in *A Bigger Splash*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Splashing into a lusty, lurid romp

INTERVIEW

'It's great to do peculiar,' says film's director Guadagnino

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

"I like to do peculiar," says *A Bigger Splash* director Luca Guadagnino. "It's great to do peculiar."

The Italian filmmaker is talking about his relationship with Tilda Swinton, star of four of his feature films. In their latest collaboration she plays a rock star recuperating from throat surgery with her boyfriend Paul (Matthias Schoenaerts) on a remote island halfway between Sicily and Tunisia. Their tranquil time, however, is shattered by the arrival of Harry (Ralph Fiennes) her former record producer and lover and his Lolita-esque daughter Penelope (Dakota Johnson). Soon into the visit the sunny Mediterranean days take a dark turn as their shared histories bring up some ghosts from the past.

In the new film Guadagnino throws a peculiar twist Swinton's way by making her character largely mute, forcing her to rely solely on her face and eyes to complete the character.

"We are very dear friends," he says of Swinton. "We love one another completely. The

pleasure of one another's company is so strong, so unstoppable. Also Tilda is such a courageous performer. That combination makes everyday an adventure, new and funny and tough and great. Also, I think what we do together is very peculiar."

Swinton is spectacular but *A Bigger Splash* is worth the price of admission just to see Ralph Fiennes, Lord Voldemort himself, strut his stuff to disco era Rolling Stones.

"I am a big fan of Ralph Fiennes," says Guadagnino. "I have been loving him since I saw him in *Schindler's List*. I saw him in the trailer for the *Grand Budapest Hotel* and I found this kind of levity that made me think he'd be perfect for Harry."

In one long scene Fiennes unleashes some of the wildest dance moves since Elaine Benes in what must be his loosest on-screen performance ever.

"Everything started with the brilliant script by David Kajganich and the description of how this man loses himself to the dance," says the director. "Starting from there Ralph proposed to me to work with a choreographer from London.

We met her and decided it was good for her to let Ralph find something wild within him. Let

him be loose with his own body and have confidence with his own movements. I described the world the choreographer and Ralph went into as psychoanalytical choreography. It was about unleashing and having the confidence to unleash. It wasn't choreography that was staged gesture by gesture. It was about creating that flow."

A Bigger Splash is a romp — a lusty and lurid thriller with worldly people, drugs, drinking and some startling nudity.

The film's nakedness, Guadagnino says, "is about being truthful to the story you are telling and the characters you are depicting. We are talking about four people on an island entangled in the web of desire. People who come from rock and roll, people who come from a sort of elite world, people who are completely liberated in their own skin even though they are completely chained by their passion. They are people who get naked. For me it is not a contrivance. It is the answer to the question, What would they wear in a place like that, doing things the way they do?"

Next time around, however, don't expect as much skin. "I can't wait to make a Victorian movie with people dressed all the way up to their necks," he laughs.

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Director Luca Guadagnino, on his leading man

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What, sororities can't throw parties?

INTERVIEW

Seth Rogen on Greeks, geeks and sexism on U.S. campuses

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Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne's at-wits-end young parents from *Neighbors* thought their college party problems were behind them after triumphing over Zac Efron's fraternity next door, but that was before a sorority moved in. Rogen talks to Metro Canada about the Greek system that solidified the plot, how Zac Efron can make people pity him and the surprisingly dark turn the franchise could take next.

How much were you looking to play with the surprisingly inherent sexism you highlight about the Greek system in this film?

It's honestly the thing that made us think it was a good idea in the first place. We were

debating whether or not a sorority moving in would be a good or interesting idea, and then Michelle, one of our interns, was like, "Sororities aren't actually allowed to throw parties, so it actually wouldn't be a nightmare to have a sorority move in next door." And we were just like, "What the f---? This is crazy." It was almost one of those things where if you think about it, it's probably the reason for so many problems that are on college campuses, you know? The fact that they can't have parties in their own private, safe home-field environment was just very bizarre to us, really. That kind of rule seems surprisingly old-fashioned. A lot of women who have seen the movie just didn't know. I mean, I'm from Canada where frats and sororities just aren't as big of a thing. But the reaction is I think the reaction that a lot of people have — just like, "What?" (laughs)



You do some interesting stuff with Zac Efron's character

You avoid the usual pitfalls of a comedy sequel. What was the strategy for that?

I'm hoping we did that. (laughs) It sounds weird, but we looked a lot at the *Toy Story* movies. They're all about growing up, they're all about kind of letting go of your childhood and they really just explore the phases of that in a very logical, simple progression. That's really what we started to talk about. OK, it's a movie about growing up, it's a movie about being parents. What is the next logical thing that would happen after the first one? We would have another kid, we would be afraid of our parenting abilities. And for Zac it was, OK you've graduated, now what? You're essentially a guy with no skills out in the world. What would be the next thing that would happen there?

emotionally, which audiences might not have expected.

People are pretty sympathetic to stupid people, which is good for our work because we portray them a lot. It's really also a testament to Zac and his acting. I brought one of my friends from Vancouver to one of the screenings. He has a very average job and he does not meet a lot of people like Zac Efron and is generally trained to be resentful of people like him. And after the movie he was like, "I felt so bad for him. That is such an amazing thing to accomplish." He was like, "I should not be feeling bad for Zac Efron in any way, shape or form, but the whole movie I just wanted to reach out and hug him. It's so sad."

Does making a comedy with Universal make it easier to write in *Minions* jokes?

Yes, very much so. We generally try to tap into the intellectual property of the studio that we're working with. We thought, if there's ever a chance to put *Minions* in our movies, this is it. We just want to work with those *Minions* now that we have a chance.



Seth Rogen hasn't run short of jokes with *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*, a sequel in which Zac Efron is welcomed into Chloe Grace Moretz's group (inset). CONTRIBUTED



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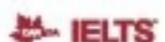
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SOCIAL MOVEMENT

Why #StarringJohnCho is trending on social media

How would it look if there were more Asian actors playing lead roles in Hollywood blockbusters?

Check out the #StarringJohnCho website and see for yourself.

The website has inserted Cho's image into a number of mainstream movie posters, including *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, *Go Rogue*, *Mother's Day* and *The Martian* to draw attention to the fact that "whitewashing Asian roles in film abounds."

It notes that it's common practice for white stars to be cast as Asian characters, such as Scarlett Johansson playing Motoko Kusanagi in the dystopian crime story *Ghost in the Shell*, blonde and blue-eyed Emma Stone as Alison Ng in *Aloha*, and Jim Sturgess as Jeff Ma in *21*.

Cho is best known as the actor who took on the iconic role of Sulu in the *Star Trek* reboot, and as one of the titular characters in the *Harold & Kumar* comedy trilogy.

However, Asian actors in Hollywood generally remain consigned to bit roles, the website argues.

#StarringJohnCho is a social movement that literally shows you what it would look like if today's Hollywood blockbusters



In the Photoshopped movie posters, John Cho replaces some of Hollywood's favoured men. WILLIAM YU/VIA TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

cast an Asian-American actor — specifically, John Cho — as their leading man," it says.

The website argues that it makes economic sense to cast more Asian leads, as diverse casts promise higher box office profits.

"Support #StarringJohnCho by sharing the hashtag and help ignite this necessary conversa-

tion," it says.

The site says it was created by 25-year-old digital strategist William Yu, who Photoshopped Cho's face onto a collection of mainstream Hollywood movie posters.

It also carries a disclaimer which states that Cho has no affiliation with it.

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



On a recent Saturday morning, I was led into temptation...twice.

We drove to Valleyview Gardens, a Scarborough plant centre where we planned on picking up a few plants to fill some pots on our deck. Three hundred and fifty dollars later, we left with paradise.

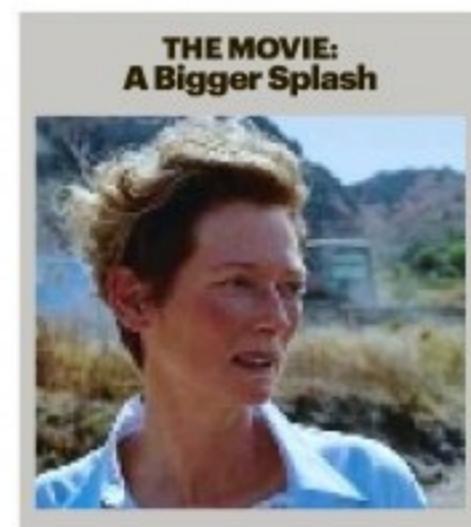
"I need to eat a little something before we start gardening," I told Simon as we stuffed the car with grasses, herbs and succulents, "maybe a pastry and a coffee." We'd passed all sorts of strip mall bakeries

Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion

— from Chinese to Greek — but Google maps made up our minds after telling us Francesca Bakery was just 10 minutes away.

We came for cannoli. Seventy dollars later, we left with a box of Italian cookies, two pieces of lasagna, a couple of fist-sized rice balls, a muffuletta-looking sandwich layered with salami and cheese, and roasted chicken and potatoes. And no, we didn't forget the cannoli. And yes, that too was paradise.

A paradise of a different sort opens on Friday: *A Bigger Splash* reunites Tilda Swinton with Luca Guadagnino, who directed her in 2009's *I Am Love*: a highly stylized film that left me wanting to touch everything from Swinton's polished wardrobe to a plate of prawns that sends her into



near-ecstasy.

It sounds like *A Bigger Splash*, which premiered at the Venice Film Festival last year, is just as tactile: "I keep joking we should give people sunscreen with their popcorn for this movie," Swinton recently said. "There's a feeling that you're going to this place."

The place is Pantelleria,



an island between Tunisia and Sicily. Swinton plays a rock star who retreats there with her boyfriend, a filmmaker, played by Matthias Schoenaerts, for rest and relaxation after vocal-cord surgery.

But paradise is interrupted when her ex-lover, a record producer played by Ralph Fiennes, shows

up unexpectedly with his daughter (Dakota Johnson) who he just discovered he had, in tow. Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion.

We interrupted our gardening to eat that sandwich, which was big enough for two. "I really wish you got some chicken parmesan," Simon said.

"That's not even Italian you know," I said. "It's Italian-American."

"Who cares! It's delicious!" he said. "And you know that the hybrid of two food cultures is still 'authentic' because immigrants, by using what they had available to them in the new world, made it so."

"I was thinking that very thing in Francesca Bakery." Even though the scenic

photos of Sicily hanging on the walls, the bright modern space with metal tables and chairs felt more New Jersey than say, a traditional pasticceria in Palermo, like Bar Costa, where, coincidentally, Francesca Bakery owner Angelo Battaglia got his start as a teenager, it felt just as legitimate.

"Think about all the regional variety in Italy," I continued, "all the ways that outside influences changed their food. Take the Sicilian cannoli: it has Arabic roots."

"It's funny how we think of food culture in Italy as static, even though it's always adapted," he said. "I mean the tomato, which didn't even arrive there until the 1700s, is now synonymous with Italian food."

"I wonder what Chinese Canadians think about their cuisine here?" I thought out loud.

"I don't know. But I think chicken balls have their place," he said, "And so does chicken parm."

Like in paradise.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

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Captain America is dating comic Jenny Slate

An actor-writer-producer and an actor-writer-director start dating in Hollywood. No big deal. Except one of them is Captain America.

US Weekly's breathless announcement "She's Team Cap!" revealed that Jenny Slate and Chris Evans are official at item, their fledgling relationship immediately put under the microscope of gossip sites, celebrity journalists and social media.

"They're perfect," gushed Elle magazine in a Tweet.

While Slate doesn't have Evans' profile, there's much to generate hope that this could be the perfect match for both of them. They're both 34, both hail from Boston and they share strong

chemistry as well as rapier wits.

As Evans put it, according to US Weekly, "Oddly enough, I've only known Jenny for a few months, which is insane to say because we're like the same animal."

Evans, who has previously dated Jessica Biel, Christina Ricci and Minka Kelly, met Slate while they were shooting the family drama *Gifted* in Savannah, Ga. Slate has recently split from husband and collaborator Dean Fleischer-Camp.

Salon.com's Mary Elizabeth Williams wondered what all the fuss was about. "Should it really come as any surprise that a successful, smart, objectively good-looking woman could find romance with a successful, smart, objectively good-looking man?"

Truth is, Evans is a huge star and acknowledged among his fans to be a total smokeshow.

And while Slate is a bright, talented and funny, her ca-

reer trajectory doesn't match his. Which is not to say that is a permanent status.

The former Saturday Night Live cast member broke through with writer-director Gillian Robespierre's *Obvious Child* in 2014, which she both starred in and produced.

Slate played a stand-up comic dealing with an unplanned pregnancy in the dramatic comedy, which was seen as controversial in some circles and earned solid reviews.

She told the Star's Bruce DeMara in 2014: "It's a bummer that a movie that is so thoughtful and kind of everyday about a woman's right to choose — and that this one woman chooses an abortion

— that that is groundbreaking, it makes me sad."

As for Evans, his resume extends beyond *The Avengers* and *Steve Rogers*.

He wrote, directed and starred in romance *Before We Go*, which premiered at TIFF in 2014 and was impressive in Joon-ho Bong's futurist sci-fi social commentary *Snowpiercer*. In *Ariel Vromen's The Iceman*, a long, greasy wig and oversized glasses rendered Evans unrecognizable as an ice cream truck-driving murderer who teams up for mob hits with real-life killer Richard Kuklinski (Michael Shannon).

As BuzzFeed feature writer Anne Helen Petersen noted on Twitter: "Dating Jenny Slate makes Chris Evans infinitely more interesting."

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Chris Evans (inset) says of Jenny Slate: "I've only known Jenny for a few months, which is insane to say because we're like the same animal." GETTY IMAGES

Of all the beverage containers that weren't recycled, how many were yours?

Last year, Manitobans recycled more beverage containers than ever before. Unfortunately, tons of them still ended up in the landfill, not a blue bin. Even a few containers pile up fast, so recycle your empty cans, bottles, cartons, and juice boxes every time.

Your essential daily news



Channing Tatum is bringing his Magic Mike act to Las Vegas in March 2017

You had me at 'no mosquitoes'

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Food, farms and forests await in B.C.'s Qualicum

Kathy Buckworth
For Metro Canada

"Relax, it's Qualicum!" I heard this many times during my visit to this small Vancouver Island community, whose population of 8,900 swells to 16,000 in the summer.

They boast the dubious honour of having the highest median age of any city in Canada. But if you think that means this is a sleepy tea-room filled community, think again.

"If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault," one of the residents said to me, as I attended one of many concerts held at the Old School House Arts Centre. I would return to the Arts Centre the next day to take a water colour painting class (which confirmed my career as a writer), one of a virtual plethora of programs and exhibits offered on an ever changing basis.

Qualicum life is exemplified at the Courtyard Café. Meryl and Peter Tryon run this community-minded restaurant, and their specialty crepes have both locals and visitors visiting often.

After filling up on a Crepe Benny, I headed to the Farmers Market (Saturdays only) which sees 70 per cent of the market stalls occupied by farmers and local food makers who are required to be there themselves, a "meet your maker" approach.



Qualicum Beach offers a number of ways to unwind; from watching the ocean tides from the Qualicum Beach Inn, to exploring the 50-acre Heritage Forest and the Saturday Farmers Market. PHOTOS BY KATHY BUCKWORTH

which is extremely successful. The other booths are filled with local crafters.

It's B.C., so seafood? Of course. The CView Restaurant in the Qualicum Beach Inn has an extensive menu, which is best enjoyed on their cozy firepit laden patio.

Take a drive down the highway a bit to Parksville and visit the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa & Resort, as well known for its spa as it is their changing local cuisine.

While much of the full time population may be in their retirement years, Qualicum Beach and its neighbour Parksville are full of visiting young families and couples from Victoria (just



If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault.

Qualicum resident

a two hour drive away), or from the Lower Mainland, via ferry.

Families often opt to stay at the Beach Club Resort & Inn, for its convenient suites, complete with full kitchens and well-traversed boardwalk on the ocean. Kite surfers and kite flyers fill the seascape.

I finished my visit with a hike through the 50-acre Heritage Forest where 200-year-old Douglas Firs rise up to 700 feet in the air.

"There are no mosquitoes, skunks, grizzly bears or moose on the island" said Gary Murdoch of Pacific Rainforest Adventure Tours.

No wonder they're relaxed. You had me at no mosquitoes.

TRAVEL NOTES TOP AIRLINE, NEW COASTER AND MT. EVEREST CLIMBERS RETURN

Alaska tops best airlines list

Alaska Airlines and JetBlue Airways still rank highest in the annual J.D. Power survey of passengers on the nine largest North American airlines. J.D. Power said Wednesday that Alaska Airlines ranked highest among traditional airlines for the ninth straight year and JetBlue was the top-rated low-cost carrier for the 11th year in a row. Air Canada ranked fourth, and WestJet finished third among low-cost carriers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



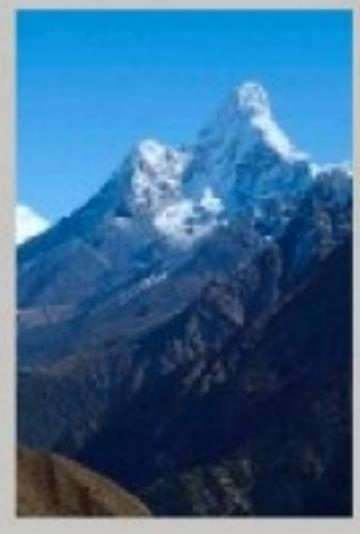
Valravn debuts at Cedar Point

Cedar Point, in Sandusky, Ohio, is home to the new roller coaster that opened to the public Saturday. The ride, called Valravn, gives riders a sweeping view of Lake Erie before dropping them over 200 feet on a 90-degree free fall that hits a top speed of 75 mph. It also turns riders upside down three times. The roller coaster has already broken records as the world's tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Climbers reach summit

Nine Nepalis reached the top of Mount Everest on Wednesday, the first group of climbers to summit the world's highest mountain in three years after deadly disasters forced a shutdown. The team reached the summit at 5:02pm (1117 GMT) while fixing ropes for foreign climbers, who will try later this week to ascend the mountain, hit by tragedy in 2014 and 2015. Hundreds of climbers abandoned the mountain last year after an earthquake-triggered avalanche killed 18 people at Everest base camp. AFP



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THINGS TO SEE ALONG DENVER'S BRIGHTON BOULEVARD

A busy street connecting downtown Denver to the interstate, roaring with trucks and running alongside railroad tracks, might not sound like a trendy neighbourhood in the making. But now's the time to visit Brighton Boulevard before it begins to look too much like any hipster street in any other city.

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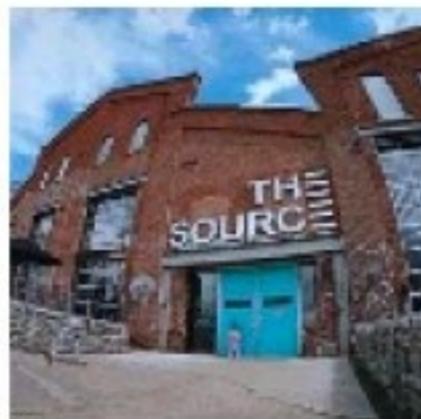
1 Cowboys and rodeos

A mural depicting farm animals and dancing cowboys just off Brighton Boulevard is easy for drivers to miss. Its delicate greens and oranges, on jewel-like tiles on a concrete wall, are almost invisible in the shadow of Interstate 70. From the mural, it's a short walk to the National Western Complex, which hosts rodeos, martial arts tournaments, alpaca exhibits, classic car auctions and concerts throughout the year.



2 Museum

Toward downtown is the Foyne Museum of Transportation, a nostalgic stop for its classic inventory. The cavernous hall sitting along railroad tracks displays a nail-polish red 1936 Morgan racer and other vintage cars, motorcycles, bicycles, planes and boats, including a Martin AirCar designed for land, sea and air travel.



3 Food

The Source, a European-style food market in what was once a brick foundry at 33rd and Brighton, includes eateries like Comida, where winter squash pancakes, bacon jalapeno griddled tacos and a long list of cocktails are on the menu. Three blocks away, the Will Call tavern serves drinks, burgers and empanadas.



4 Arts

The trendy restaurants, tech and public relations tenants are just some of the signs of gentrification to hit this neighbourhood dotted with manufacturers. Also new: entertainment that's not a rodeo. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts has ventured out of its downtown theatre for an immersive, interactive performance project called Sweet and Lucky.



5 Activities

Other indicators of change include recreational marijuana shops and artists moving into warehouses. Galleries and ateliers for dressmakers and artisans working in wood and metal have also popped up. Another warehouse nearby houses Denver's Great Room Escape, an experience where participants pay to enter a room and use clues and riddles to get out.

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"The walls are down": Vancouver's Victor Montagliani, head of the Canadian Soccer Association, after being voted president of CONCACAF

Revamped Pens put to task against Bolts

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning swept 3-game season series

On the calendar, the gap between the last time the Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning met and Friday night's Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final is less than three months.

Within the lifespan of a season, it seems a lot longer.

When the Lightning blew past the Penguins 4-2 on Feb. 20 — a victory that earned Tampa Bay a sweep of its three-game season series with Pittsburgh — Steven Stamkos was still scoring goals, Matt Murray was still the Penguins' third option in net and the Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan's midseason overhaul remained very much a work in progress.

Not anymore. Stamkos remains out indefinitely while dealing with a blood clot, and Murray has become a revelation in near lockstep with the Penguins' evolution from enigmatic underachiever to Stanley Cup favourite. No wonder the Penguins couldn't help but laugh when asked if they could remember what happened on that sloppy Saturday in mid-winter when the Lightning built a quick three-goal lead and cruised.

"I couldn't even tell you," Pittsburgh forward Phil Kessel said. "I don't even remember when we played them last."



The Lightning's Ondrej Palat scores past Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury on Feb. 5 in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Probably best to just block it out and press forward anyway at a time of year where short-term memory loss is an asset.

The Penguins wrapped up a 12-day highwire act against rival Washington on Tuesday night when Nick Bonino fired home the winner in overtime of Game 6. The cathartic celebration sent Pittsburgh to the conference final for the fourth time since 2008. Less than 72 hours later, they face the only team that's been more dominant in the post-season.

The Lightning raced through the first two rounds of the play-

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Tampa Bay has won each of its five one-goal contests in the playoffs — a sign its long post-season run a year ago wasn't just puck luck.

offs, dropping one game each to Detroit and the New York Islanders. Remarkable, considering they've been without Stamkos and defenceman Anton Stral-

man, still recovering from a fractured left leg.

Stamkos is practising but the five-time all-star hasn't been cleared for contact. Stralman appears to be on the verge of returning, though coach Jon Cooper is in no hurry to announce his lineup, saying Thursday "it's just pointless to talk about whether they're going to play or not."

Shortly after fizzling against the Lightning in February, the Penguins put together a 14-2 surge to end the regular season they have carried into May.

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Blues' Brouwer continues Game 7 success

The St. Louis Blues said goodbye to fan favourite T.J. Oshie last summer and hello to a proven post-season commodity in Troy Brouwer, who has the remarkable distinction of playing in eight consecutive playoff series that ended in Game 7s.

His calm, seasoned perspective is a major reason the Blues are in the Western Conference final for the first time since 2001 — and he stepped it up in both Game 7s for the Blues this spring, too.

Brouwer got the deciding goal in the deciding game against the



Troy Brouwer GETTY IMAGES

defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks and had a goal and two assists in Wednesday's 6-1 blowout at Dallas. Brouwer's line was an overall standout with Paul Stastny, David Backes, Alexander Steen, Patrik

three-point nights.

"We've got a lot of chemistry lately," said Brouwer, who has five goals and five assists in the playoffs. "We love playing with each other."

The Blues have annually been one of the top regular-season teams in the NHL. But before this spring they'd been eliminated in the first round three consecutive years.

The 30-year-old Brouwer has been a difference-maker for a long-suffering core including star Vladimir Tarasenko, David Backes, Alexander Steen, Patrik

Berglund and defenceman Alex Pietrangelo. Before the clincher against the Blackhawks, the rest of the roster had played in a grand total of six Game 7s.

The Blues won three games on the road against Dallas, compensating for two losses at home. Now, they'll have home ice advantage for the rest of the post-season.

"We're putting ourselves in a good situation to continue going forward," said Brouwer, who then cautioned: "We're only halfway there."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Raptors and Heat out for survival

The centres are hobbled and sidelined. The starting point guards have seen their faces bloodied. Both teams have key forwards dealing with wrist injuries, and Toronto's leading scorer needs his super-tender thumb wrapped in something resembling a shoelace so he can play.

Someone will win this Toronto-Miami series.

Or more accurately, someone will survive this series.

The Raptors are leading 3-2 and therefore have two chances to be the ones who emerge, the first coming in Game 6 at Miami on Friday night. The Raptors know they're playing Sunday afternoon — either in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final in Cleveland, or back in Toronto for Game 7 of this East semifinal matchup.

"It's a seven-game series and

these kind of series are very competitive," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said Thursday. "They're built to push you and stress you and put you in uncomfortable situations. And that's what this series is doing right now. It's a competitive series. Guys are embracing the competition. And we have a job to do tomorrow. We're just focused on tomorrow."

Both teams got good news Thursday.

Tests performed on the injured wrists of Toronto's DeMarre Carroll and Miami's Luol Deng showed they were just dealing with bruises after getting hurt in the Raptors' Game 5 win on Wednesday night. Officially, Carroll and Deng are listed as questionable, but the expectation is that both will be available to go in Game 6.

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DeMarre Carroll, left, and Luol Deng GETTY IMAGES

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hall scores twice in Canada's latest win

Taylor Hall scored twice as Canada survived a second-period scare and defeated Germany 5-2 Thursday at the world hockey championship.

The Germans scored twice in the second to tie the game 2-2, forcing Canada coach Bill Peters to juggle his lines.

Canada responded quickly as Hall scored his second of the game, and team-leading fifth of the tournament, at the 3:54 mark of the third period on a

pass from Connor McDavid. Canada moved into a tie with Finland for first place in Group B. Both teams have 12 points from four regulation wins.

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Preliminary round

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IN BRIEF

French prosecutors probe \$2M tied to 2020 Olympics

French prosecutors said Thursday that \$2 million US tied to Tokyo's winning bid for the 2020 Olympics was apparently paid to an account linked to the son of the disgraced former IAAF president in the months immediately before and after the Japanese capital won the games.

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Kenya not compliant with drug-testing: Officials

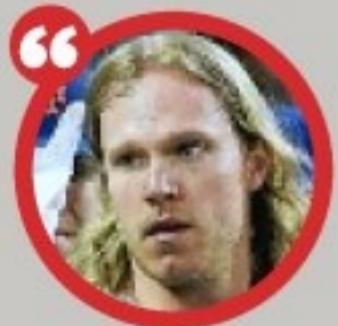
World Anti-Doping Agency officials declared Kenya's drug-fighting agency out of compliance Thursday, a move that places the track powerhouse's participation in this summer's Olympics in jeopardy. The move comes less than a month after the country's president signed legislation that criminalizes doping. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB IN BRIEF

A-Rod on comeback trail
Injured star Alex Rodriguez did light running drills at Yankee Stadium on Thursday as he keeps working his way back from a strained right hamstring that put him on the 15-day disabled list.

The 40-year-old designated hitter went on the DL on May 4 after starting the season batting .194 with five home runs and 12 RBIs in 72 at-bats.

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I don't think I ever hit two home runs in Little League.

Mets pitcher Noah Syndergaard hit a pair of homers on Wednesday night, driving in all of New York's runs in a 4-3 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Nats stealing week's headlines

MLB

Ups and downs aplenty for D.C. club over last few days

Max Scherzer's record-tying 20-strikeout performance was only the latest in a recent series of newsworthy moments for the Washington Nationals, one right after the other.

If things were quiet around Bryce Harper and Co. on Thursday, perhaps it's only because the club had a day off.

The way things have been going lately, there's no telling what will happen when the Nationals host the Miami Marlins for a four-game series starting Friday.

Start with Scherzer.

Only three other pitchers — Roger Clemens (twice), Kerry Wood and Randy Johnson — managed to strike out 20 batters in nine innings before Scherzer did it in a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Remarkably, Scherzer threw 96 of 119 pitches for strikes and did not walk anyone.

Asked what was working so well for Scherzer, Tigers man-



Nationals pitcher Max Scherzer is showered with Gatorade on Wednesday night after tying the MLB record with 20 strikeouts in a nine-inning game. GREG FLUME/GETTY IMAGES

ager Brad Ausmus replied: "What wasn't working? That's an easier question: Nothing."

That's been the case before for the right-hander in his short time in a Nationals uniform. Since moving from Detroit to

Washington ahead of last season as a \$210-million free agent, Scherzer has thrown two no-hitters plus a one-hitter.

"I think it was the first inning, I ran in and said to (Jayson Werth), 'That's Max.' That's

the guy that goes out there and competes, and goes about it and is an animal out there. I mean, he gets on the mound and goes," Harper said Wednesday. "Those are the nights that it is fun to watch him pitch."

Timeline of the events leading up to Scherzer's 20 Ks:

Sunday — Harper tied a major-league record by walking six times in a loss at the Chicago Cubs that capped a four-game sweep.

Monday — Word emerged that Stephen Strasburg and the club agreed to a \$175-million, seven-year contract. That night, Harper was ejected by home plate umpire Brian Knight after a teammate struck out. Moments later, pinch hitter Clint Robinson hit a game-ending homer. Harper rushed onto the field in celebration but took a moment to point toward Knight and swear at him.

Tuesday — Ryan Zimmerman, who follows Harper in the batting order, showed signs of breaking out of his funk, homering twice.

Wednesday — Major League Baseball announced that Harper would be suspended for one game and fined for what happened Monday. Harper appealed the punishment.

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RECIPE Salmon with Peach Cucumber Salsa

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The fresh and fiery salsa on this delicately seasoned salmon serves up easy alongside a simple salad and big glass of thank Goodness it's Friday.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 or 5 filets of salmon with skin
- 2 cups of peeled, pitted and diced peaches (I used 3 peaches)
- 1 cup unpeeled, diced cucumber
- 3/4 cup diced red pepper
- 1/4 cup washed, finely chopped cilantro
- 4 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp of chipotle chilies, minced

Directions

1. Mix all the ingredients for the salsa except the chilies. Separate

the amount that you think you'll give little kids or those with zero tolerance for heat. Then add your chiles to the remaining mixture and stir. Taste and check seasoning. Cover and place in the fridge while you fire up the grill.

2. Wash and pat dry the salmon. Season the fish with salt and pepper and a slick of olive oil on both sides. Place the fish on the grill, skin side down. Now, don't touch that fish. The heat from the grill will sear the fish and allow it to come away from the grill. Leave for 4 to 5 minutes, depending on the size of your filets.
3. Use a thin spatula to flip the fish. Allow to cook for another 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from grill and use a fork to break into the middle to see if fish is opaque. Serve with a heaping spoon of salsa.

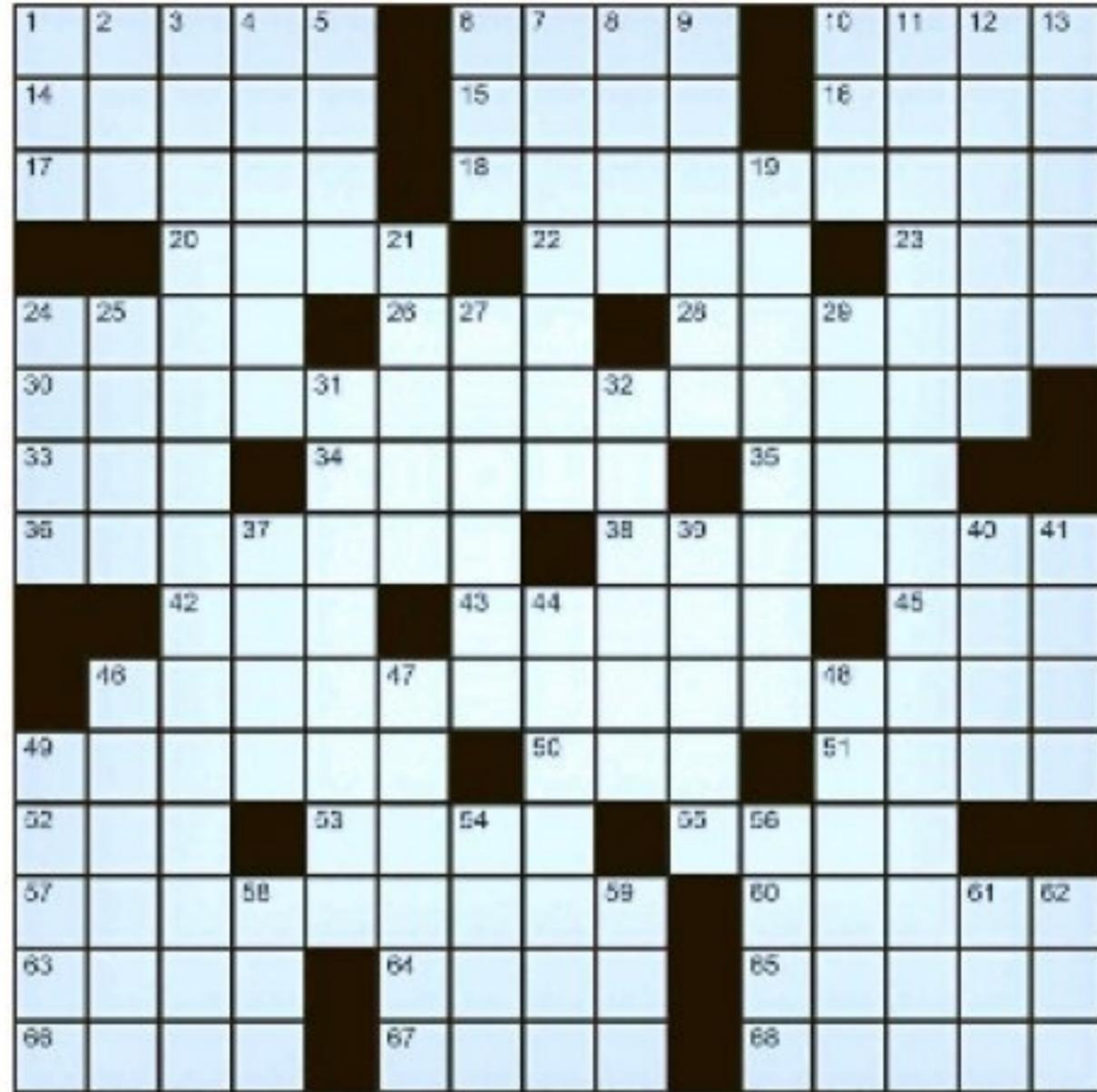
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1. Christianity symbol
6. Particle
10. Prefix to 'culture'
14. "Tiny Bubbles" singer: 2 wds.
15. Eagerly excited
16. Cupid's Greek counterpart
17. Halifax-based energy company
18. CH-149 _ (RCAF search & rescue helicopter); or, Large fish-loving seabird
20. Laughing sounds
22. Pantene _ (Shampoo)
23. NBC show since '75
24. "Right on!"
26. Comedian Mr. Philips
28. Loch creature of Scotland, affectionately
30. What daredevil Nik Wallenda would successfully do over Niagara Falls in 2012: 3 wds.
33. Mr. Holbrook
34. Bear voiced by Bill Murray in "The Jungle Book" (2016)
35. Prefix to 'angle'
36. Like a voice that is full and rich
38. Actor, Taylor _
42. Triumphed
43. Cargo-placing worker
45. Ell's predecessor
46. 1992 hit for British band The Cure: 4 wds.
49. Comparatively



tidy: 2 wds.
50. Band, with Speedwagon
51. Aren't antonyms
52. Embassy diplomat, briefly
53. Line above the equator, _

57. Super small
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63. Desert weather
64. Ceremonial magnificence
65. Singer Mr. Lopez
66. Amphibious WWII vessels
67. Power [abbr.]
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1. B-F inbetweeners
2. _-com (Movie genre)
3. OYR = _ (Calgary performance theatre company)
4. "Honey, I _ the

Kids" (1989)
5. Drench
6. Fella
7. Monster of BC's Lake Okanagan
8. Unit of pressure
9. Village on BC's Sunshine Coast
10. Lingus (Ireland's flyer)
11. Nova Scotia... Unique flower that grows in the bogs of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park: 3 wds.
12. '60s songstress Ms. Spector
13. Basket fibre
19. Capsize
21. ___ extra plate (Accommodate the supper guest)
24. "Horton Hears ___" (2008)
25. Volcanic crater
27. Gently
29. Type
31. Plentiful
32. Fleetwood Mac hit in 1982: 2 wds.
37. "Jump ___!" (Get going!)
39. Friends to 'and sometimes Y'
40. Icicle's locale
41. Seedy loaves
44. TV show's showing slot
46. Leg bones
47. Slanting
48. Hedy of Hollywood
49. ___ spray (Decongestant)
54. Deity of ancient Thebes
56. ___ few moments (Rested briefly)
58. Dates to follow BCs
59. Train co.
61. Compass-point
62. Racket

***IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a tricky day because you have great moneymaking ideas, but you should wait until tomorrow to act. Today's overconfidence might trip you up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are persuasive today. Naturally, you can use this advantage to go after what you want. However, what you want might be different by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You want to seek out answers today. You also have patience and motivation to find what you're looking for. In fact, you feel like a sleuth.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with artistic, creative people will please you today. You might admire what they can do. (Don't spend money on anything other than food or gas today.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a tricky day. The Moon is in your sign, but it's a bit wobbly. This means that what you initiate might not fulfill your objective. Easy does it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a loosey-goosey day. Nevertheless, you will love to kick around ideas about travel to distant lands or doing something "different." Just dream; do not act today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Resist the urge to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property today, because this is a poor day to do so. Ironically, people are in agreement. Go figure.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a lovely day to hang out with partners and close friends, and just schmooze. Take a long lunch. Enjoy the company of others.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Although it's easy to get along with co-workers today, your efficiency might suffer because you don't feel like working. Warning: Don't initiate anything new.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a wonderful, creative day! People who work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will be full of clever, original ideas.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything important. Just coast.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Resist the urge to initiate or suggest new ideas at work today, because it's a poor day to do this. However, you can research and get further information about what you hope to do.

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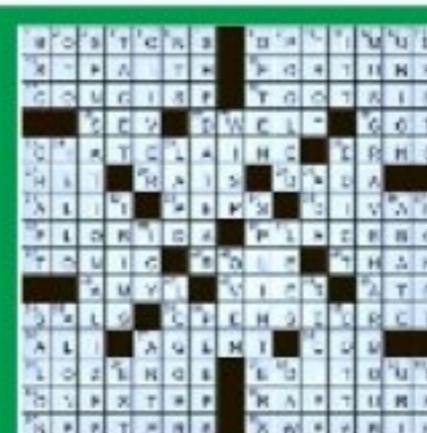
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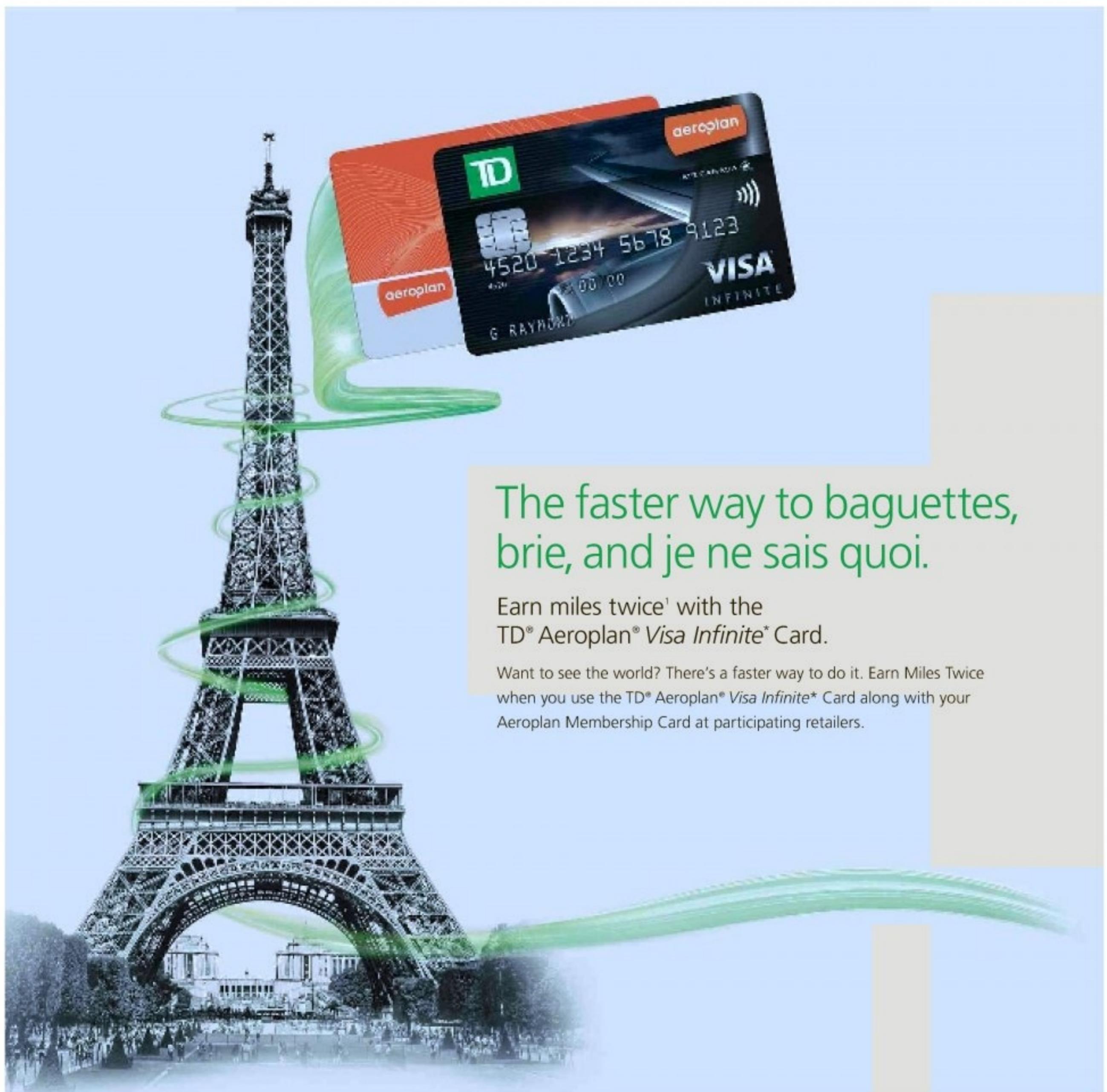
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